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GLENDAL GLITTERS CELEBRATES THE SEASON WITH SPIRIT OF GIVING WEEKEND DEC. 19-20

GLENDAL, Ariz. –Downtown Glendale will be aglow with 1.5 million lights as well as ‘the spirit of giving’ as we celebrate the generosity of spirit that the season brings Dec. 19-20, from 6-10 p.m. both evenings.

The holidays are a time of generosity, so what would be more fitting than a whole weekend celebrating those giving back to the community? It’ll do your heart good to get into the spirit of giving by learning about and paying tribute to those selfless organizations that make our community a better place to live.

The city of Glendale is honoring and celebrating many non-profit organizations and companies that give back to the Glendale community and Valleywide, including the Boys and Girls Club of Metropolitan Phoenix, the Alzheimer’s Association Desert Southwest Chapter, Teen Lifeline, Gabriel’s Angels, Wags for Wishes, West Valley Child Crisis Center, Habitat for Humanity and the Young Marines.

Glendale’s Spirit of Giving event will also have St. Mary’s Food Bank Alliance on hand, collecting canned food items to benefit to the less fortunate during this holiday season. Take this opportunity when you come out to the event to give a little something back – bring one or 100 cans of food to donate! Last year, the event collected enough food to help feed 336,953 meals to needy families, so this year, event organizers hope to exceed that number.

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Spirit of Giving Weekend

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The Spirit of Giving weekend in downtown Glendale offers free admission, and will also feature delicious food and beverages, horse-drawn carriages rides with special mini-pony rides, inflatable rides and visits with Santa Claus. Bring your camera, or have Santa's helper snap one for a small fee. Many of the downtown merchants will offer extended hours to help visitors get their holiday shopping done. Free make-and-take crafts will be holiday cards that children can decorate and take home, or, donate to St. Mary's/Westside Food Bank to accompany the meals going to needy families.

In addition, "The Polar Express" will be shown for free, twice throughout the evening, so viewers can bring a blanket to spread out and watch the holiday family film.

But what holiday celebration would be complete without some music and dancing? Musical and dance troupe performances will get everyone in the festive holiday spirit, as well. The entertainment lineup includes:

Friday	Dec. 19	
	6:00	L.A. Dance
	7:00	Orangewood Cheer & Dance Team
	8:00	Dance Gallery
Saturday	Dec. 20	
	6:00	Leap of Faith Dance +
	7:00	Lori Ford Studio
	8:00	Prestige Dance
	9:00	The Dance Shoppe

The Spirit of Giving Weekend is sponsored by APS, KTVK Channel 3, KMLE, KOOL, 101.5 Jamz, 7-UP, Shell Vacations and the Arizona Republic.

For more information on Glendale Glitters' Spirit of Giving weekend, call the Special Event Hotline at 623-930-2299 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

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